

RESOLUTION NO. 75126

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AFFIRMING CITY OF SAN JOSE SUPPORT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ENTIRE SILICON VALLEY RAPID TRANSIT/BART EXTENSION TO DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE AND SANTA CLARA

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in partnership with the cities of Milpitas, San José (City) and Santa Clara are committed to ensure the delivery of the entire Silicon Valley Rapid Transit/BART Extension project; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2002, VTA adopted an approved project description for consideration and completion of a Federal Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) extension project; and

WHEREAS, the recommended project description for the EIS/EIR begins the project south of the planned Warm Springs BART station in the City of Fremont and ends 16.7 miles later in the City of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that to effectively meet the current and future needs of its communities, full completion of the SVRT extension project will be vital to the City's total transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the SVRT extension is a vital part of Silicon Valley's future by generating significant economic activity, improving access to employment, education and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the SVRT extension could generate an additional \$6 billion Gross Regional Product (GRP), \$2.28 billion in personal income, 2,400 temporary construction jobs,

and 7,000 permanent jobs in construction and systems operations and maintenance;
and

WHEREAS, the SVRT extension project will provide improved access to major freeways and reduce severe congestion along the I-680 and I-880 freeway corridors, while accommodating future travel demand due to population and job growth; and

WHEREAS, the SVRT extension project is complimentary to the City's "Green Vision" by reducing annual greenhouse gas emissions by 16,153 tons; and

WHEREAS, to optimize the City's economic development opportunities, the development of transportation infrastructure like the SVRT extension project that supports mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented developments located in the urban core must be vigorously promoted and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to convey the message that the City of San José fully support the completion of the entire SVRT extension project extending from the City of Fremont, through the City of Milpitas, Downtown San José, and terminating in the City of Santa Clara;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City of San José confirms its full support for completion of the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit extension project and will make every effort to fully support, fund, and construct the entire Silicon Valley Rapid Transit extension project.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, HERRERA,
KALRA, LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE; REED.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

CHUCK REED
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk